

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUMA SATO ET AL. ) : Examiner: T. D. Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/840,892 ) : Art Unit: 3689  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims are listed beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 8: